

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TC/AU 3768**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Hisashi Akiyama  
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**AMENDMENT "C"**

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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated November 24, 2009 (Paper No. 20091118). The three-month period for responding to the Office action expires on February 24, 2009.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.